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SUBJECT: CHIEF BUTHELEZI TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA

REF: DURBAN 257, JUNE 26, 1972

1. TODAY'S NATAL MERCURY PUBLICIZES CHIEF BUTHELEZI'S PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN ADDIS ABABA DECEMBER 3-7 SPONSORED BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE. CHIEF QUOTED AS SAYING HE INVITED LAST MARCH BY HIS "GOOD FRIEND OSBORN ELLIOTT" OF NEWSWEEK AND THAT HE HOPED VISIT PRESIDENTS OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND KENYA EN ROUTE TO CONFERENCE IN ORDER "ESTABLISH DIALOGUE FOR BLACKS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA WITH BLACK AFRICA". HE WOULD BE ABSENT FROM SOUTH AFRICA A LITTLE OVER A MONTH.

2. MERCURY ARTICLE INDICATES SENATOR HUMPHREY, LEADING U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. IT WILL BE OPENED BY EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE
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AND ATTENDED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ZAMBIA AND KENYA. IN

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ADDITION, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, SAM NUJOMA, PRESIDENT OF SWAPO; SAMORA MACHELE, PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO; AND OLIVER TAMBO, ACTING HEAD OF SOUTH AFRICAN ANC, EXPECTED ATTEND.

3. COMMENT: BUTHELEZI'S PLANNED ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONFERENCE PRESENTS YET ANOTHER CHALLENGE TO SAG. IN JULY 1972 BUTHELEZI ABANDONED HIS PLANS TO VISIT TANZANIA IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ATTENDANCE AT MALAWI INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN RESPONSE TO STRONG PRESSURE FROM SAG (DURBAN 257). HE HAS NOT, HOWEVER, ABANDONED HIS KEEN DESIRE TO VISIT NOT ONLY TANZANIA BUT OTHER NEARLY INDEPENDENT BLACK STATES AS WELL. HIS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO DO SO IN NOVEMBER WILL PRESUMABLY NOT BE WELCOMED BY SAG. PRESUMABLY EVEN LESS WELCOME WILL BE HIS PROJECTED MEETINGS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN ADDIS ABABA WITH LEADERS OF NATIONALIST GROUPS SUCH AS ANC, SWAPO AND FRELIMO ALL OF WHICH ARE ANATHEMA TO SAG. BUTHELEZI DOES NOT KNOW IF SAG WILL PERMIT HIM TO LEAVE COUNTRY FOR SUCH PURPOSES BUT UNTIL TOLD DIFFERENTLY HE IS MAKING PLANS TO UNDERTAKE TRIP IN NOVEMBER.
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